6. विशिष्ट प्रौद्योगिकियों का क्रियान्वयन अर्थात लक्ष्य वेधन को बढ़ाकर अनुप्रस्थ तथा नालिका छिद्र वेधन।

Incidents of Drowning of PAC men in Okhla Canal

357. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 9 PAC men drowned in Okhla canal on 3.11.95 while taking trial of a motor boat;

(b) whether Government have ordered any probe into the accident;

(c) whether the Navy has passed the boats and finally these were on trial;

(d) whether Government propose to black-list the firm which bad supplied boats; and

(e) the further reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (PROF. MEIJINLUNG KAMSON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Additional Director General of Police, PAC Uttar Pradesh and I.G., PAC, Moradabad have conducted a. preliminary enquiry. Detailed enquiry is being conducted by DIG, PAC Meerut.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) Since the boats are being purchased by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, a decision in this regard lies with the State Government.

पासपोर्ट कार्यालय, लखनऊ में धांधली

358. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह** :

श्री ईश दत्त यादव :

क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगें कि:

(क) क्या क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय, लखनऊ द्वारा जून, 1994 के दौरान पासपोर्ट जारी करने में धांधली करने वाले किसी गिरोह का पता लगाया गया हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या हैं; और

(ग) उन कार्यालयों, जिन्होने ऐसे पासपोर्ट प्राप्त करने के लिए जाली प्रमाण पत्र दिए थे, के विरूद्व क्या कार्यवाही की गई हैं?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर.एल. भाटिया) : (क) से (ग) सरकार को क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय, लखनऊ में सक्रिय किसी ऐसे गिरोह की जानकारी नहीं हैं जो पासपोर्ट जारी करने के कदाचार के लिए उत्तर दायी हैं। तथापि, क्षेत्रीय पासपोर्ट कार्यालय, लखनऊ के दो कर्मचारियों के विरूद्व जांच-पड़ताल की जा रही हैं।

Request to US to stop arms supply to Pakistan

359. DR. BAPU KALDATE : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state the efforts made to impress upon USA not to precipitate an arms race in the sub-continent and stop all arms supply to Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): India's serious concern in this regard was conveyed unambiguously at each stage of the Congressional legislative process to the US Administration and to US Congressmen and Senators.

Indo-Pak Relations

360. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the various reasons for the poor Indo-Pak relations;

(b) whether Government have responded to the references made by Pakistan on the International fora regarding Kashmir;

(c) if so, the reaction of Pakistan Government thereto; and

(d) the steps taken to normalise the relations between both the countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (d) Government are committed to the normalisation of relations with Pakistan and the resolution of all lndo-Pakistan issues through direct bilateral discussions